

Fulton Montgomery

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Our Chamber writes in support of the proposed merger of New Charter, a company that would combine Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. We believe that New Charter's commitment to expanding broadband access would help our communities retain and attract businesses.

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping the business community in our region of upstate New York. Attracting businesses to our region requires us to have the infrastructure necessary for companies to do business in the 21st century, and that means access to fast and affordable internet connections. This is why we are excited about the possibility of New Charter.

New Charter is planning to invest a minimum of \$2.5 billion dollars into building new networks in commercial areas. The company is also investing heavily in the mobile data market with plans to deploy more than 300,000 WiFi access points.

In addition to these investments in infrastructure, the company is making commitments that their customers have uniform, affordable pricing without data caps, usage-based pricing or early termination fees. This is a great selling point to companies who want consistent and predictable internet expenses.

Finally, we are grateful for New Charter's demonstrated interest in improving customer service. Their pledge to return outsourced Time Warner call centers to the United States means a lot to communities like ours, where we have seen too many companies do the opposite. It also gives us peace of mind that New Charter understands and appreciates the value of employing American workers.

The creation of New Charter would be a great development for our region. We hope the FCC will grant its approval to this merger.

Sincerely,


Mark Kilmer
President/CEO

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